

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application

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For: COOLING PANEL FOR A SHAFT FURNACE, SHAFT FURNACE PROVIDED WITH COOLING  
PANELS OF THIS NATURE, AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SUCH A COOLING PANEL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. The reference was cited in the application and in an International Search Report (previously submitted) in the corresponding International application.

Applicants present the reference so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that the reference be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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